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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

FOR THE YEAR 1868.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.
TRENTON, November 30, 1868.

To His Excellency Marcus L. Ward,
Governor and Commander-in-chief of New Jersey.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the transactions of this department for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

This department has been engaged during the year in collecting and receiving arms issued to militia companies that are now disbanded, in issuing ordinance stores and uniforms to companies of the rifle corps and active militia recently organized, and in adjusting and settling the claim of this State against the United States, for expenses incurred in aiding to suppress the late rebellion.

At the date of my last annual report, November 30, 1867, the active military force of this State consisted of thirty-nine companies of the Rifle Corps, one company of Cavalry, three of Artillery, seven of Veterans, and five of the Hudson Brigade, numbering about three thousand men. During the year just passed, some of these companies have been disbanded, for the reason that they had not the number of members required by law, while others have been organized, armed and equipped. The total strength of the active militia at this time is thirty-four companies of the Rifle Corps, seven of Veterans, six of the Hudson Brigade, two of Paterson, four Batteries of Artillery, and one Company of Cavalry, numbering about three thousand men. This force is well armed and equipped, thoroughly drilled and disciplined, and as effective as any militia troops in the United States. This statement shows that during the year the Rifle Corps has been reduced five companies, while the active militia, not including the Rifle Corps, has been increased during the same time four companies.

There have been issued during the year the following uniforms:

408 caps.
40 caps, Zouave.
393 jackets.

muskets and rifles of all descriptions. For a particular statement showing the names of the companies whose accounts have been thus closed and bonds canceled, you are referred to Tabular Statement C, in appendix. I have been particular in every instance where bonds have been canceled in requiring an affidavit from some officer, surety or member of the company, setting forth that "the property was lost or destroyed by misadventure or in the service of this State or the United States, and without fraud or culpable negligence on the part of such officer or officers, or his or their surety or sureties." This law has been of incalculable benefit to the officers and sureties of companies which have been disbanded for a long time, and many have availed themselves of this generous and equitable privilege to be released from bonds and relieved from a responsibility as distasteful as it was onerous. The chief cause of the loss and destruction of these arms and equipments was the want of an armory, companies neglecting to procure one in which their arms could be kept safe and in their possession. The privates were allowed to take their arms to their homes, and if they removed in almost every instance they took them with them; others were taken to Central America, in the hands of volunteers of filibustering expeditions; and during the excitement of the "gold fever" in California, many were taken there by men who went to seek gold, and had no other means of protecting themselves from lawless mobs and desperate miners, while others were lost in the more recent riots in Hudson county and Perth Amboy, and in the service of the United States in 1863, in defending Pennsylvania from the advance of Lee's victorious armies.

There are still two hundred and five companies whose accounts have not been settled. Some of the arms and accouterments still charged against them will no doubt be returned, but the majority of them will be accounted for by affidavits, as provided in the act approved March 18, 1868. Every effort will be made by this Department to have these arms returned, but where that cannot be done, affidavits will be taken in order to close their accounts and balance our books.

There still remains in the hands of disbanded companies two thousand eight hundred and sixty-five muskets and rifles of all descriptions, which are divided among the following brigades:

Atlantic and Cape May,	40
Burlington,	186
Camden,	156
Essex, Newark and Orange,	801
Gloucester,	5
Hudson,	312
Hunterdon,	228
Maritime,	1
Mercer,	94
Middlesex,	182
Monmouth and Ocean,	248

Morris,	82
Passaic,	98
Salem,	52
Somerset,	98
Union,	111
Warren,	171
	2,865

Under the authority conferred in the act entitled "An Act relative to the public arms in the State Arsenal," approved April 17, 1868, I have sold two thousand four hundred and eighty muskets and appendages unfit for service, and have turned the proceeds of such sale over to the State Treasurer. The amount thus given to that officer is three thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars. These unserviceable muskets have been sold on the most advantageous terms that were offered at the time. The sale of those still at the Arsenal has been delayed by direction of your Excellency, until better bids are received for them.

The act approved April 17, 1868, authorized and directed the Quartermaster General "to cause such muskets now in the Arsenal as are suitable for that purpose to be altered into breech-loaders upon the most approved plan. Nothing has been done in the way of altering these muskets. The plans submitted are so numerous and varied, and not having as much time to devote to the subject as I desire, I have not been able as yet, with your Excellency's approval, to decide on the "most approved plan." As soon as the plan is agreed upon the work can be speedily accomplished.

There remains in the Arsenal at this time six thousand four hundred and ninety-two new Springfield rifled muskets, nine thousand one hundred and thirteen old muskets and rifles of all kinds and caliber, and one hundred and eighty-three imperfect and unserviceable; one thousand two hundred pistols, and seventy-eight imperfect and unserviceable. There are also two thousand one hundred and four sabers and swords serviceable, and one hundred and seventy-one unfit for service. There are also in the Arsenal ten 12-pounder bronze Napoleon guns, smooth bore; two 3½-inch bronze guns, rifled; ten 3-inch Griffin guns, rifled, and two Billinghurst and Requa batteries, good and serviceable, and one 6-pounder bronze gun, smooth bore; two 6-pounder bronze guns, French; two 4-pounder bronze guns, smooth bore, English, and six 6-pounder iron guns, smooth bore, unserviceable.

The employees at the Arsenal engaged in cleaning and repairing arms have cleaned and repaired three thousand five hundred and fourteen arms.

The total amount paid during the year through this department on account of the Rifle Corps and Active Militia of this State is twenty-two thousand two hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-four

TABULAR STATEMENT C.—Continued.

Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage in Possession of the New Jersey Rifle Corps, November 30, 1867.

OFFICERS.	COMPANIES.	Forks.	Tin Plates.	Tin Cups.	Spoons.	Common Tents.	Wall Tents.	Wall Tent Pins.	Sets of Cannon Tent Poles.	Sets of Wall Tent Poles.	Axes and Helves.	Hatchets and Handles.	Spades.	Mess Pans.	Storm Flags.	National Colors, silk.	Regimental Colors, silk.	Color Bearers and Sockets.	Guidons, bunting	Set of Storm Flag Halyards.	Drums.	Uniform Caps, zouave.	Uniform Jacke's, zouave.	Pairs of Uniform Trowsers, zouave.	Pairs of Uniform Leggins, zouave.	Uniform Sashes, zouave.	Uniform Vests, zouave.
General Theodore Runyon	Commanding Corps																										
Colonel James Peckwell	" 1st regiment, N. J. Rifle Corps															1	1	2	2								
Lieutenant Colonel M. B. Provost	" " "																										
Major J. C. Fitzgerald	" " "																										
Lieutenant G. W. Matthews	Quartermaster 1st regiment, N. J. Rifle Corps										1			10	1					1							
Captain John Brintzinghoffer	Co. A, 1st regiment, N. J. Rifle Corps																										
" Edmund H. Cox	" B, " " "																										
" Herman Stockel	" C, " " "																										
" Kirk B. Fitzgerald	" D, " " "																										
" John Disch, Jr.	" D, " " "																										
" Martin B. Provost	" E, " " "																										
" Charles Lange	" F, " " "															1	1	2									
" Daniel J. Pierman	" G, " " "																										
Colonel Joseph W. Plume	Commanding 2d regiment, N. J. R. Corps										2			1													
Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Munn	" " "																										
Lieutenant J. B. Van Wagoner	Quartermaster. " "																										
Captain William S Tipson	Co. A, 2d regiment, N. J. Rifle Corps	76	76	76	76																						
" Warren McChesney	" B, " " "	50	50	50	50																						
" William Allen	" C, " " "	55	55	55	55																						
" Alfred Williams	" D, " " "	46	46	46	46																						
" Eli W. Van Houten	" E, " " "	48	58	36	38																						
" William A. Bird	" F, " " "																										
" Marvin Dodd	" F, " " "																										
" William C. Blewett	" H, " " "																										
" Jacob Berg	" I, " " "																										
" Thomas W. Frey	" K, " " "																										
" George W. Hixon	" L, " " "	51	51	51	51																						

Colonel U. DeHart	Commanding 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																1	1	2	2											
Major James Leggett	3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
Dr. Elias C. Baker	Surgeon 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
Lieutenant William C. Vandewater	Adjutant 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" G. W. Shinn	Quartermaster 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps											2			1																
" A. L. Green	Company A, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps	78	78	78	78							1	1	1																	
Captain R. C. Belville	" B, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps	60	60	60	60																	1									
" C. Van Duyn	" C, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps	45	45	45	45								1																		
" James S. Yard	" D, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps	51	51	51	51																										
" William Warner	" E, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" J. E. Taylor	" F, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps	85	85	85	85			1																							
" Alfred Chamberlain	" G, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" Michael E. Devinney	" H, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" Albert L. Blue	" I, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" Jarvis Wanser	" K, 3d regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
Colonel William E. Rogers	Commanding 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																1	1	2	2											
Captain William E. Rogers	Company A, 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" George W. Freeland	" B, 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" John McLaughlin	" C, 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" John J. Toffey	" D, 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" Henry G Shaw	" E, 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
" C. G. Van Reypen	" F, 4th regiment N. J. Rifle Corps																														
Major J. J. Cladek	Commanding 1st battalion N. J. Rifle Corps																1	1	2												
Lieutenant W. J. Magie	Quartermaster 1st battalion N. J. Rifle Corps						1	7	12	1	4		3	23																	
Captain John B. Lutz	Company A, 1st battalion N. J. Rifle Corps	69	69	69	69																										
" Lewis Merrick	" B, " " "	71	71	71	71							1																			
" Lewis Franke	" C, " " "	37	37	37	37							1																			
" G. H. Ropes	" D, " " "	45	45	45	45																										
" James M. Drake	" E, " " "																							50	50	50	50	50	50		
Major A. B. McKeon	Commanding 2d battalion N. J. Rifle Corps																1	1	2												
Captain Henry E. Brinkerhoff	Company A, " " "	83	83	83	83						1	1																			
" J. V. Moore	" B, " " "	48	48	48	48	1					1	1																			
" Lieutenant E. Taylor	" C, " " "																														
Captain Joseph P. Vreeland	" D, " " "																														
Total		988	988	988	988	1	1	8	12	1	12	6	4	35	1	6	6	12	6	1	1	50	50	50	50	50	50				